

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012
7:00 P.M.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:

2. SELECTMEN MINUTES: January 9, 2012 and January 17, 2012

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. 7:05 PM: Application from Taewa, Inc., d/b/a Thai Garden, 27 Spring St., for a Change of Manager, New Stockholder, Transfer of Stock, and Change in Board of Directors.(Jonathan Sabin)

4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 70 of the Code of Williamstown (Ann McCallum)

B. FY13 Revenue Estimates

C. Presidential Primary Warrant

D. Set Public Hearing date and time for an application from Taewa, Inc., d/b/a Thai Garden, 27 Spring St., for a Change of Manager, New Stockholder, Transfer of Stock, Change in Board of Directors and Alteration of Licensed Premises.(February 13, 2012 - 7:05 PM)

5. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

A. Common Victualer License Request from T.J. Warren, Inc., d/b/a TJ's, 824 Simonds Road, Thomas Warren, Owner

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

7. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

9. ADJOURN:

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, February 13, 2012 – 7 p.m.

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Present: Thomas E. Sheldon, Chairman, Jane B. Allen, David A. Rempell, Ron Turbin

Absent: Tom Costley

Others Present: Jonathan Sabin, Janet Saddler, Donna Estes, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** None
- 2. SELECTMEN MINUTES:** January 9, 2012 and Special Meeting January 17, 2012 – Ms. Allen moved to approve the January 9, 2012 minutes. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Turbin moved to approve the Special Meeting January 17, 2012 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. 7:05 PM: Application from Taewa, Inc., d/b/a Thai Garden, 27 Spring St., for a Change of Manager, New Stockholder, Transfer of Stock, and Change in Board of Directors.

Mr. Sheldon opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Attorney Sabin said he was unable to gather all of the information needed to complete the application in preparation for this meeting. He also learned that an Alteration of Licensed Premises should be added to the application which would require a legal ad and abutter notification. Therefore he requested to withdraw Taewa's Inc., d/b/a Thai Garden's application at this time and set another public hearing date. Mr. Sheldon closed the public hearing. Mr. Turbin moved to approve the withdrawal of Taewa Inc.'s application as requested. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 70 of the Code of Williamstown – Planning Board member Ann McCallum presented for the Selectmen's consideration the Planning Board's proposed amendments that would allow, with certain restrictions, a second dwelling unit on a lot for the Selectmen's consideration. Its purpose to be to establish standards to increase flexibility in designing alternative housing choices in town, to add moderately priced rental units to the housing stock, and to allow for new uses of previously underutilized agricultural buildings.

The Selectmen proposed that there be a few minor amendments to the article and Mr. Rempell moved to endorse the article subject to those amendments. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (Attachment A)

B. FY13 Revenue Estimates – Mr. Fohlin asked the Board to note the Fiscal Year 2013 column of the Draft Five Year Financial Plan. (Attachment B) He said that 2013 revenues are predicted to come in 2% higher and there should be no increase to the tax rate. He noted Growth included new residences, garages, etc. and said that Sweetwood and Sweet Brook Nursing Home have converted to taxable properties. Mr. Fohlin said the town is

predicting level funded state aid. He said we have lived within our means and we continue to do so. He will present the draft FY13 budget at the next Selectmen meeting.

C. Presidential Primary Warrant – Mr. Turbin moved to sign the Presidential Primary Warrant as presented. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Set Public Hearing date and time for an application from Taewa, Inc., d/b/a Thai Garden, 27 Spring St., for a Change of Manager, New Stockholder, Transfer of Stock, Change in Board of Directors and Alteration of Licensed Premises. Ms. Allen moved to set a public hearing date and time for an application from Taewa, Inc., d/b/a Thai Garden, 27 Spring St., for a Change of Manager, New Stockholder, Transfer of Stock, Change in Board of Directors and Alteration of Licensed Premises on February 13, 2012 at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Letter Regarding Funding for Rail Trail – A letter was drafted to send to Nat Karns, Executive Director for the Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Turbin, Alternate Delegate of the BMPO for North County said a vote will take place on January 31st as to whether additional funding for the extension of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail will be used to extend Adams to North Adams or in Pittsfield. The letter proposed this evening for the Chairman's signature is a letter of support that the MPO funds be allocated to the Northern Berkshire extension of the rail trail. Mr. Rempell moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (Attachment C)

5. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

A. Common Victualer License Request from T.J. Warren, Inc., d/b/a TJ's, 824 Simonds Road, Thomas Warren, Owner – Ms. Allen moved to approve a Common Victualer License Request from T.J. Warren, Inc., d/b/a TJ's, 824 Simonds Road, Thomas Warren, Owner. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: see attached or at www.williamstown.net

7. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None

8. OTHER BUSINESS: None

9. ADJOURN: Mr. Rempell moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Turbin
Secretary pro tempore